

REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed May 8, 2008.

Pending Claims

Claims 1-49 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 9-19, 34 and 36-49 were rejected in the last Office Action. Claims 3-5, 7, 8, 20-33 and 35 were objected to. Applicant cancels claims 1, 2, 6, 9-19, and 36-49. Applicant amends claims 3-4, 7, 20-34. Original claims pending are 5, 8, 22-25, 27-30 and 35. Following entry of these amendments claims 3-5, 7-8, 20-35 will be pending.

Objection to the Specification

The specification was objected to because there was no abstract as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.72(b). The amendments above include an abstract to the specification.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

In item 5 of the Office Action, claims 36-49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicant traverses the rejection, but, in the interests of getting a speedy allowance, Applicant has canceled claims 36-49 and the rejections are moot.

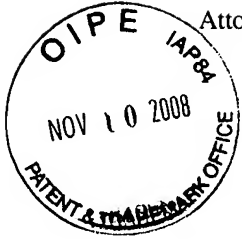
Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

In item 6 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 6 and 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Le Count. Applicant traverses the rejection, but, in the interests of getting a speedy allowance, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 6 and 10-13 and the rejection is moot.

In item 7 of the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 6, 9-13, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 45, 47 and 49 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Gaster. Applicant traverses the rejection, but, in the interests of getting a speedy allowance, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 6, 9-13, 36, 37-49 and the rejection is moot. Claim 34 has been amended to depend on allowed claim 3, thus the 102(e) rejection of claim 34 is moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

In item 8 of the Office Action, claims 3-5, 7, 8, 20-33 and 35 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claim 3 so it is now an independent claim containing all of the limitations of claim 1 and claim 3. Applicant has amended claims, 3-5, 7, 20-21, 26, 31 - 34, as shown in the claim listing. The amended and original claims are now either independently allowed claim or dependent on one. Applicant believes the amended and original claims 3-5, 7-8, 20-35, should be pending after entry of these amendments and in condition for allowance.



PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a six month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to respond to the Office Action mailed on May 8, 2008, regarding the above referenced application. Please charge Deposit Account Number 503145 the amount of \$1110.00 to cover the extension fee for filing this Response within three months.

It is believed that no additional fees are required for this reply. However, if there are any additional charges or credits, please apply them to Deposit Account Number 503145. referencing attorney docket number 223255-120994.

Respectfully submitted,

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